

41.8 acres; and, streets, 74.3 acres.

A standard of 1.5 square feet of parking space for each square foot of commercial floor area and a standard of one square foot of parking space for each square foot of office use is recommended for the central business district. These standards may be compared to the existing ratio, in the same area, of 0.77 square feet of parking to one square foot of commercial floor space. The application of the recommended parking ratios indicates a total need of approximately 7800 parking spaces in the central business district by 1980, or an increase of 3,700 spaces.

A proposed method of increasing off-street parking space is the creation of usable space in the interior of blocks where possible. This might be done by a more efficient layout of the existing open space and the clearing of obsolete buildings. It is also proposed, where such action is justified, that some of these interior parking lots be multi-level. In addition to the creation of approximately twice the original number of parking spaces, the decking of parking would make the second floors of many buildings more usable for retail sales areas. This scheme of parking lots in the interior of several blocks is not expected to fulfill the total need for future parking. The balance of parking spaces will be obtained by multi-story parking buildings located throughout the central business district.

A mall is proposed in the Walnut Street right of way between George and John Streets. This will create a safe and pleasant pedestrian way and a point of interest for the central business district. Another mall is recommended to act as a vista leading to the front entrance of the County Court House as well as making a pleasant pedestrian route to the park recommended along Big Ditch Creek.